

WE CLAIM:

1. A layer configuration comprising a layer of a nano-porous n-type metal oxide semiconductor with a band-gap of greater than 2.7
5 eV, an adsorbed cationic spectral sensitizer and a coadsorber capable of enhancing the adsorption of a cationic spectral sensitizer on a n-type metal oxide semiconductor.
2. Layer configuration according to claim 1, wherein said
10 coadsorber is an ortho-dihydroxy-benzene compound.
3. Layer configuration according to claim 2, wherein said benzene
compound with a nitrile group substituted on the same benzene
ring as said ortho-dihydroxy-groups.
- 15 4. Layer configuration according to claim 1, wherein said
coadsorber is selected from the group consisting of 2,3-
dihydroxy-benzonitrile, 3,4-dihydroxy-benzonitrile, 3,4,5-
trihydroxy-benzonitrile, 3,4-dihydroxy-4'-cyano-benzophenone, 4-
20 nitro-catechol, (3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)methyl-sulphone, 1,2-
dihydroxy-anthraquinone, 3,4-dihydroxy-anthraquinone-2-sulphonic
acid, 4,5-dihydroxy-benzene-1,3-disulphonic acid, 6,7-dihydroxy-
naphthalene-2-sulphonic acid, 3,4-dihydroxy-benzoic acid and
catechol.
- 25 5. Layer configuration according to claim 1, wherein said
coadsorber is selected from the group consisting of 3,4-
dihydroxy-benzonitrile, 3,4,5-trihydroxy-benzonitrile, 1,2-
dihydroxy-anthraquinone, (3,4-dihydroxy-phenyl)methylsulphone,
30 4,5-dihydroxy-benzene-1,3-disulphonic acid and catechol.
6. Layer configuration according to claim 1, wherein said cationic
spectral sensitizer is a cyanine dye.
- 35 7. A photovoltaic device comprising a layer configuration
comprising a layer of a nano-porous n-type metal oxide
semiconductor with a band-gap of greater than 2.7 eV, an
adsorbed cationic spectral sensitizer and a coadsorber capable
of enhancing the adsorption of a cationic spectral sensitizer on
40 a n-type metal oxide semiconductor.

8. A solar cell comprising a layer configuration comprising a layer of a nano-porous n-type metal oxide semiconductor with a band-gap of greater than 2.7 eV, an adsorbed cationic spectral sensitizer and a coadsorber capable of enhancing the adsorption of a cationic spectral sensitizer on a n-type metal oxide semiconductor.
9. A process for preparing a layer configuration, comprising a layer of a nano-porous n-type metal oxide semiconductor with a band-gap of greater than 2.7 eV, an adsorbed cationic spectral sensitizer and a coadsorber capable of enhancing the adsorption of a cationic spectral sensitizer on a n-type metal oxide semiconductor, comprising the steps of: providing a layer of a nano-porous n-type metal oxide semiconductor with a band-gap of greater than 2.7 eV, adsorbing a coadsorber on said nano-porous n-type metal oxide semiconductor layer and adsorbing a cationic spectral sensitizer on said nano-porous n-type metal oxide semiconductor layer.
10. Process according to claim 9, wherein said adsorption of said cationic spectral sensitizer on said nano-porous n-type metal oxide semiconductor layer is carried out simultaneously with said adsorption of said coadsorber on said nano-porous n-type metal oxide semiconductor layer.
11. Process according to claim 9, wherein said adsorption of said cationic spectral sensitizer on said nano-porous n-type metal oxide semiconductor layer is carried out after said adsorption of said coadsorber on said nano-porous n-type metal oxide semiconductor layer.